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What is Claimed:

component;

A system for creating a list of selected titles comprising: a source of works which may include at least in part, an audio

a visual output device;

circuitry, coupled to the source and the output device, for building a stored inventory of work and for creating a displayable list of titles on the output device of at least some of the works.

- 2. A system as in claim 1 which includes an audio output device coupled to the building circuitry and playback circuitry for presenting to the audio output device an output corresponding to the titles on the list.
- 3. A system as in claim\1 which includes a device for storage of digital representations of a plurality of works
- 4. A system as in claim 3 which includes circuitry for writing a list to the storage device.
- 5. A system as in claim 4 which includes circuitry for modifying a selected list.
- 6. A system as in claim 5 which includes circuitry for presenting the works on the modified list to the audio output device.
 - 7. A system as in claim 2 which includes a video output device.
- 8. A system as in claim 1 wherein the circuitry includes a programmable processor.
- 9. A system as in claim 8 which includes a control program, executable by the processor, for providing information on the visual output device as to selected characteristics of at least some of the works.
- 10. A control element usable with a program mable processor having a digital input device coupled thereto and an audio output device coupled thereto comprising:





commands for reading and storing at least one digitized work;

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commands for building a displayable list of works.

- 11. An element as in claim 10 which includes: commands for presenting a list of works for review.
- 12. An element as in claim 10 which includes commands for modifying a selected list.
- 13. An element as in claim 12 which includes commands for presenting, sequentially, works on a selected list to the audio output device.
- 14. An element as in claim 13 which includes commands for reading a digitized work from a wireless source.
- 15. An element as in claim 13 which includes commands for reading a digitized work from a local storage medium coupled to the input device.
- 16. An element as in claim 12 which includes commands for building an inventory of digitally stored works.
- 17. An element as in claim 10 which includes commands for determining if an authorizing credit has been established.
- 18. An element as in claim 10 which includes commands for writing at least one work on a selected list to a portable digital storage medium.
- 19. An element as in claim 10 wherein the commands are storable on a portable digital storage medium.
- 20. A terminal for providing works on demand from a remote source with an inventory of available works, the terminal comprising:

circuitry for receiving digital representations of works from a

25 remote source;

circuitry for creating a list of selected works and further circuitry for presenting the works on the list sequentially to an output device on demand.

21. A terminal as in claim 20 which includes devices for storing at least one of the works received from the remote source.

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- 22. A terminal as in claim 20 which includes credit establishing circuitry.
- 23. A terminal as in claim 21 wherein in response to an established credit, a designation of at least one work can be added to the list.
- 24. A teliminal as in claim 20 wherein the receiving circuitry is adapted to interconnect to a wired, at least in part, communications network.
- 25. An apparatus for selecting works stored in discontinuous, non-analog format, the apparatus comprising:

a user operable input device for specifying a plurality of works; circuitry for receiving from a source at least one specified work in a discontinuous format;

control circuitry coupled to the input device and the circuitry for receiving, wherein the control circuitry is adapted to create a visibly displayable sequence of the selected works; and

elements for storing commands enabling a user to modify the displayable sequence.

- 26. An apparatus as in claim 25 which includes a credit establishing device.
- 27. An apparatus as in claim 25 which includes an output device for writing the works in the sequence, in a discontinuous format to a selected medium.
- 28. An apparatus as in claim 27 wherein the output device comprises a disk drive wherein the medium is removable.
- 29. An apparatus as in claim 25 wherein the source is displaced from the apparatus and the apparatus includes receiver circuitry coupled to a transmission medium, for receipt of the works.

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